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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, HEADQUARTERS USAFE WAS REQUESTED BY USDAO TO PROVIDE BRIEFING FOR UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OFFICIALS. BRIEFING WAS GIVEN ON DEC 1 BY MAJOR STACHURSKI, USAF WITH BACKUP BY DR. HARDY OF USAFE.

2. W/CDR V. A. STAPLEY RAF WAS SPOKESMAN FOR CAA GROUP. HIS PRELIMINARY VIEW WAS THAT THERE WERE NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPASS COPE OPERATIONS IN UK AIRSPACE PROVIDING IT COULD DEMONSTRATE A LEVEL OF SAFETY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF A MANNED AIRCRAFT. HE OPINED THAT, BASED ON THE BRIEFING, THE RPV COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, HE REQUESTED THAT THE USAF FORWARD MORE DATA, THE PARTICULARS OF WHICH ARE KNOWN TO MAJOR STACHURSKI. AFTER RECEIPT AND ANALYSIS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE DATA, THE CAA WOULD REPLY FORMALY.

3. IN THE POST BRIEFING DISCUSSIONS, THE CAA GROUP ALL
EXPRESSED FAVORABLE OPINIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILI-
TIES OF THE RPV. HOWEVER, A SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL QUESTION
WAS RAISED ON THE QUALIFICATION OF THE OPERATOR (CON-
TROLLER). THEY FELT THAT IN ORDER "TO FLY" THE RPV IN
UK AIRSPACE, THE OPERATOR WOULD HAVE TO BE A FULLY
QUALIFIED PILOT WITH AN INSTRUMENT RATING.

4. A DIALOGUE HAS BEEN OPENED, AND ANY FUTURE REQUIRE-
MENTS IN THIS AREA CAN BE SUPPORTED BY A COMBINATION OF
RCAA/FAA/USDAO PERSONNEL.

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